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Report of the Secretary-General

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Summary

The present report contains the performance report on the budget of the United Nations Logistics Base at Brindisi, Italy (UNLB), for the period from 1 July 2006 to 30 June 2007.

The total expenditure for UNLB for that period has been linked to the objective of the Logistics Base through a results-based budgeting framework under a support component.

Performance of financial resources

(Thousands of United States dollars. Budget year is from 1 July 2006 to 30 June 2007.)

			Variance	
Category	*Apportionment*	*Expenditure*	*Amount*	*Percentage*
Civilian personnel	17 380.2	15 234.4	2 145.8	12.3
Operational costs	18 098.5	17 694.8	403.7	2.2
Gross requirements	**35 478.7**	**32 929.2**	**2 549.5**	**7.2**
Staff assessment income	2 535.2	2 241.2	294.0	11.6
Net requirements	**32 943.5**	**30 688.0**	**2 255.5**	**6.8**
Voluntary contributions in kind (budgeted)	—	—	—	—
Total requirements	**35 478.7**	**32 929.2**	**2 549.5**	**7.2**

Human resources incumbency performance

Category	*Approved*[a]	*Actual (average)*	*Vacancy rate (percentage)*[b]
International staff	47	34	27.7
National staff	169	161	4.8

[a] Represents the highest level of authorized strength.

[b] Based on monthly incumbency and approved monthly strength.

The report also outlines, pursuant to the recommendation of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions (A/58/759/Add.9, para. 26), as endorsed by the General Assembly in its resolution 58/297, the status of the implementation of the strategic deployment of stocks for the period in question.

Performance of strategic deployment stocks

(Thousands of United States dollars)

Category	*Issued*	*Replenishment (expenditure)*
Strategic deployment stocks	66 277.0	36 812.0

The actions to be taken by the General Assembly are set out in section VI of the present report.

I. Introduction

1. The budget for the maintenance of the United Nations Logistics Base at Brindisi, Italy (UNLB), for the period from 1 July 2006 to 30 June 2007, set out in the report of the Secretary-General dated 6 March 2006 (A/60/711), amounted to $35,621,200 gross ($33,086,000 net). It provided for 47 international staff and 169 national staff. The Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions, in paragraph 36 of its report dated 19 April 2006 on the financial performance report for the period from 1 July 2004 to 30 June 2005 and proposed budget for the period from 1 July 2006 to 30 June 2007 of UNLB (A/60/787), recommended that the General Assembly appropriate $35,621,200 gross for the maintenance of the Logistics Base for 2006/07.

2. The General Assembly, by its resolution 60/267, approved an amount of $35,478,700 gross ($32,943,500 net) for the maintenance of the Logistics Base for 2006/07. The total amount has been assessed on Member States.

3. The General Assembly, in its resolution 56/292, endorsed the concept and implementation of the strategic deployment stocks, set out in the report of the Secretary-General (A/56/870), for one complex mission and approved $141,546,000 for that purpose. In its resolution 57/315, the Assembly extended the validity of the approved resources to 30 June 2004. Furthermore, in its resolution 59/299, it approved the use of savings derived from the liquidation of prior-period obligations and the unspent balance of the strategic deployment stocks to cover losses in currency exchange and the replenishment of the stocks. In the same resolution, the Assembly also approved the inclusion of strategic deployment stocks replenishment within the commitment authority described in section IV, paragraph 1, of its resolution 49/233 A.

II. Objective and results

4. The original storage facility for the Department of Peacekeeping Operations was the United Nations Supply Depot, first located in Naples and later moved to Pisa, Italy. The depot was first established to receive assets available upon the closure of the United Nations Emergency Force in 1956. The UNLB has been in operation since late 1994 under a rent-free arrangement with the Government of Italy. The memorandum of understanding regarding the use of the facilities at Brindisi was signed by the Secretary-General and the Government of Italy on 23 November 1994 and amended on 7 December 2001.

5. The objective of the Logistics Base, as it is for the support account, is to ensure efficient and effective peacekeeping operations.

6. Within this overall objective, UNLB has, during the reporting period, contributed to one expected accomplishment by delivering related key outputs. As shown in the framework below, these outputs have been grouped under four subheadings: strategic deployment stocks and United Nations reserve stocks management; communications hub and information technology network operations; training services; and management and administration of the Logistics Base.

7. The present report assesses actual performance against the planned results-based budgeting framework set out in the 2006/07 budget. In particular, the report compares the actual indicators of achievement, that is, the extent to which actual progress has been made during the period against the expected accomplishment,

with the planned indicators of achievement, and the actually completed outputs with the planned outputs.

8. During the reporting period, UNLB showed continuity of progress in support of the increased efficiency and effectiveness of the various peacekeeping operations.

9. Of particular importance were the efforts to reduce receipt and inspection times, shipment processing times for the strategic deployment of stocks, improved rotation of the stocks and the attempts to maintain replenishment of strategic deployment stocks inventories at the level of support for one complex mission deployment. The consolidation of cargo, contracting and chartering of aircraft or vessels as well as the mission's capacity or capability to absorb materiel affected the ability of the Logistics Base to achieve the target of 17 days for the shipment processing times of strategic deployment stocks.

10. In the area of communications hub and information technology network operations, UNLB made progress towards achieving the International Organization for Standardization (ISO) 27001 standard — an information security management standard defining a set of information security management requirements necessary to establish an information security management system within an organization. UNLB hosted 155 satellite communications links in addition to monitoring and coordinating the establishment and operation of some 800 such links spanning all peacekeeping operations. It also served as the main bridge for data communications between peacekeeping operations and Headquarters. UNLB operated the enterprise data centre, hosting more than 400 servers and associated software applications. In addition, it acted as a disaster recovery and business continuity centre through the backing up of data of all peacekeeping operations.

11. The relocation of the Training Delivery Cell from New York to Brindisi resulted in substantially improved training services to peacekeeping missions despite the delays experienced in recruitment for the Cell's full staffing complement. The location of the Cell at UNLB facilitated the delivery of regular civilian pre-deployment induction training courses. A comparison of the number of newly recruited staff members receiving such training demonstrated how it has grown consistently over the last three years from 35 in 2005, to 72 in 2006 to 449 in 2007. The cost savings resulting from the move of the Cell from New York to UNLB amounted to approximately $610,000 during the reporting period. In addition, relocation of the transport training coordination to UNLB, together with the specialized training offered in aviation safety, communications and information technology, prevention of sexual exploitation and abuse and procurement-related areas had a positive impact in achieving efficiencies and effectiveness in peacekeeping operations.

12. The establishment and deployment of the Regional Aviation Safety Office in February 2007 realized service improvements in terms of aviation safety at UNLB, the United Nations Interim Administration Mission in Kosovo (UNMIK) and the United Nations Observer Mission in Georgia (UNOMIG). The respective accident prevention programmes and emergency response plans were revised/updated at each of the aforementioned locations. The Aviation Safety Council meetings in UNLB and UNOMIG were reactivated and an air carrier survey was carried out in collaboration with the Aviation Safety Section in New York. The period also saw the development of a programme for the implementation of the pending accident prevention "active instruments", the distribution of safety posters and a regional aviation safety web page and aviation safety crew briefings with the missions through videoconferencing.

Expected accomplishment 1.1: increased efficiency and effectiveness of peacekeeping operations

Planned indicators of achievement	*Actual indicators of achievement*
1.1.1 Reduction in receipt and inspection time for strategic deployment stocks-related items, from an average of 34 days in 2004/05 and 26 days in 2005/06 to an average of 25 days in 2006/07, with a target of 22 days in 2007/08	Achieved. Receipt and inspection time reduced to 9 days
1.1.2 Reduction in shipment processing time for strategic deployment stocks-related items from the receipt of material release order to dispatch, from an average of 20 days in 2005/06 to an average of 17 days in 2006/07, with a target of 15 days in 2007/08	Overall average of 31 days for processing of shipments with 46 per cent of items dispatched within 17 days and the remaining exceeding the 17-day target owing to consolidation of cargo and contracting and chartering aircraft or vessels
1.1.3 Full compliance of the communications hub and information technology network operations with the International Organization for Standardization (ISO) code of practice for information security management	Preliminary assessments, including needs analysis, statement of applicability, risk assessment and training of staff completed during the period The external audit on compliance with the 27001 ISO standard to support information security management requirements was subsequently completed in September 2007 and certification has been approved for the UNLB data centre Delays in achieving compliance/certification were owing to the lack of information security management expertise within UNLB
1.1.4 Zero aviation safety accidents in the Logistics Base, UNMIK and UNOMIG, maintaining the 2004/05 and 2005/06 levels	Achieved. No accidents reported
1.1.5 Increase in the percentage of in-Base training compared with out-of-Base training of Logistics Base personnel, from 28 per cent of all trained staff being trained in-Base in 2004/05, to 35 per cent in 2005/06 to 41 per cent in 2006/07	Achieved. 94 per cent of staff trained in-Base Higher level of achievement owing to more courses being held or offered at UNLB

1.1.6	80 per cent of all participants in training courses conducted by the Training Delivery Cell rate the courses good (target of 85 per cent in 2007/08); survey to be conducted 1 month after completion of the course	Achieved. Survey conducted at the end of the course Average rating of 4.25 out of 5, or 85 per cent, for all training courses from July to December 2006 Average rating of 4.15 out of 5, or 83 per cent, for all training courses from January to June 2007 Overall rating of courses for 2006/07 was 4.20 (4: satisfactory; 5: excellent)

Planned outputs	*Completed (number or yes/no)*	*Remarks*
Strategic deployment stocks and United Nations reserve stocks management		
Development of strategic deployment stocks kits (e.g., communications, tools and stationery) in order to expedite strategic deployment stocks dispatch to missions and reduce the number of strategic deployment stocks line items, in particular, consumables, in inventory	Yes	Operational readiness of strategic deployment stocks material for deployment to missions greatly enhanced by the composition, integration and development of kits With the development of strategic deployment stocks kits, a number of strategic deployment stocks line items in inventory reduced as indicated below: 5 stationery and cleaning kits — reduced 175 line items in inventory Mobile telecommunications deployable systems (MTDS) kit for start up missions — reduced 41 line items in inventory, including MTDS van Rapid telecommunications deployable systems (RDTS) container kit to support complex missions — reduced 44 line items in inventory, including RDTS van Communications workshop kit — reduced 88 line items in inventory Communications installation kit — reduced 68 line items in inventory Information technology installation kit — reduced 120 line items in inventory Public information broadcast kit — reduced 229 line items in inventory
Receipt and inspection of strategic deployment stocks items (including vehicles, generators, prefabricated buildings and associated equipment, communications and information technology equipment, spare parts and expendables), at approximately	No	$40.5 million worth of strategic deployment stocks items received and inspected during the period $37.2 million worth of strategic deployment stocks items received, inspected and dispatched during the period

$141.5 million, i.e., equivalent to the deployment of 1 complex mission requirement		**The expenditure related to strategic deployment stocks replenishment action amounted to $37.2 million, including $0.4 million in exchange losses**
Issuance to missions, including rotation, of 100 per cent fully checked and available strategic deployment stocks items valued at approximately $141.5 million, i.e., equivalent to the deployment of 1 complex mission requirement	**$37.2 million**	**Strategic deployment stocks issued to missions from UNLB** **During the period, $66.3 million worth of strategic deployment stocks was deployed to 19 locations comprising 7 existing, expanding and new peacekeeping missions (the United Nations Interim Force in Lebanon, the United Nations Integrated Mission in Timor-Leste, the United Nations Mission in the Sudan, the United Nations Organization Mission in the Democratic Republic of the Congo, the United Nations Disengagement Observer Force, the United Nations Mission in Liberia and the United Nations Peacekeeping Force in Cyprus), 7 special political missions (the United Nations Truce Supervision Organization, the United Nations Mission in Nepal, the Office of the Personal Representative of the Secretary-General for Lebanon, the United Nations Political Office for Somalia, the Office of the Special Envoy of the Secretary-General for the future status process for Kosovo, the United Nations Assistance Mission for Iran and the United Nations Integrated Office in Sierra Leone) and 5 other United Nations entities (the Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs, the World Food Programme, the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights, the United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees in the Near East and the International Independent Investigation Commission)** **A further $23.6 million of strategic deployment stocks equipment was dispatched to Darfur in the 2006/07 period but recorded in inventory in July 2007**
	$34.0 million	**Inventory value of non-expendable stock issued to missions**
	$61.6 million	**Inventory value of non-expendable stock available for issuance**

Storage and maintenance (to warranty standards) of strategic deployment stocks items, including on average 673 vehicles, 36 trailers and 76 vehicle flat racks, 288 generators, 871 prefabricated hard-wall buildings, 755 soft-wall structures and associated equipment, spare parts and expendable stores (based on an average of 70 per cent of stocks being at the Logistics Base)	Yes	
	750	Vehicles on average stored and maintained
	10	Trailers on average stored and maintained
	185	Vehicle flat racks on average stored and maintained
	435	Generators, including 49 United Nations reserve stock generators on average stored and maintained
	744	Prefabricated hard-wall structures
	1,174	Soft-wall structures and associated equipment, spare parts and expendable stores
	80 per cent	Approved supply of strategic deployment stocks inventory
Refurbishment of 40 vehicles, 10 generators and other miscellaneous equipment from liquidating/ downsizing missions for inclusion in the United Nations reserve stocks	18	Heavy vehicles and engineering plant equipment refurbished as follows: 1 armoured sedan; 1 main deck loader; 1 ground power unit; 5 mine-resistant vehicles; 1 refrigerated truck; 1 grader; 1 excavator; 1 recovery truck; 2 trailer containers; 4 palletized lifting system modules
	4	Generators refurbished are mainly from downsizing (UNMIK) and closed missions (United Nations Office in Timor-Leste)
Management of air cargo/shipments to and from peacekeeping missions, including trans-shipments	Yes	Air cargo/shipments with estimated inventory value of $60.8 million, inclusive of $37.2 million from strategic deployment stocks managed
Conduct 1 disposal sale of United Nations reserve stocks, at a total value of at least $5.0 million	Yes	Total value of proceeds from sale amounted to $4.7 million ($4.0 million in non-expendable and $0.7 million in expendable property)
Communications hub and information technology network operations		
Service improvements		
Implementation of an information security management system, including implementation of information security standards and configuration management system, to protect information assets	Yes	Implementation of the information security management system for effective information security resulted in strengthening confidentiality, integrity and availability of vital corporate and customer information as well as management processes and information technology systems Several activities (including the definition of security policy, statement of applicability, detailed risk assessment for data centre and implementation of

		many security procedures and guidelines) requiring intensive system-wide coordination were carried out. This resulted in better handling of incident and service requests as well as technology and management change processes. 2,270 incidents and requests for service were processed
24-hour operation of the communications and information technology hub of the Department of Peacekeeping Operations for all peacekeeping missions and Headquarters	Yes	No interruptions or major incidents to network services provided to peacekeeping missions or to United Nations Headquarters
	15,006	Incidents and requests for service processed
Provision of 30 E1 inter-mission voice lines, 30 commercial integrated services digital network (ISDN) E1 voice lines, 113 satellite inter-mission links, 10 leased lines, 2 E3 Internet data links and 17 videoconferencing links	Yes	99.9 per cent of voice/data availability achieved
Maintenance and operation of communications equipment consisting of 4 satellite Earth stations, 18 private telephone exchanges and 19 high-end routers	Yes	
	4	Satellite Earth stations maintained and operated
	18	Private telephone exchanges maintained and operated
	19	High-end routers maintained and operated
Maintenance and operation of information technology equipment consisting of 223 servers, 4 blade server cabinets, 186 Cisco network devices, 8 Stone soft firewalls, 19 EMC high-end data storage systems and 7 EMC data storage network devices	Yes	4,400 incidents reported and processed during the maintenance and operation of information technology infrastructure
Hosting, maintenance and help desk support for all peacekeeping missions, covering 5 centrally hosted applications (asset management, procurement system, 35,000 web mail boxes, 19 websites and 336 Lotus Notes replications)	Yes	
	35,000	Web mail boxes hosted, maintained and supported
	19	Websites hosted, maintained and supported
	336	Lotus Notes replications supported
	3,333	Requests recorded and processed by applications support unit
	4,363	Requests recorded and processed by help desk support
Storage of production data and mail database for disaster recovery and business continuity purposes (75 terabyte data storage capacity)	Yes	
	79,841	Total mail boxes stored in network systems library
	180	Terabytes of data storage capacity maintained

Training

Service improvements

Development of customer surveys for participants of training courses to collect lessons learned and improve delivery of training	Yes	Customer surveys developed and provided to participants at end of training course by way of a Web-based communications system and a Web-based training calendar for both trainers and trainees
Advice to new and emerging troop and police-contributing countries on scope and availability of peacekeeping training	Yes	Through 9 meetings with troop and police-contributing countries (Malawi, Bolivia, Yemen, El Salvador, Nigeria, Ethiopia, Kenya, Brazil and India)
Consultations on peacekeeping training with Member States and regional organizations	Yes	Through 6 meetings with Member States and regional organizations (Brazil, Nigeria (2 meetings), the United States of America, the African Union and Ethiopia)
Support peacekeeping exercises/seminars organized by Member States and regional organizations, including through the provision of trainers, training material and presentations	24	Exercises/seminars conducted
20 training recognition visits to national and regional peacekeeping training centres	3	Visits conducted to peacekeeping training centres in Bolivia, Kenya and Bosnia and Herzegovina
		Lower than planned output owing to lack of demand by Member States. This limited the ability to conduct visits to peacekeeping training centres
Organization of 3 mission senior leadership training programmes/courses, including in host Member States, for 64 prospective and selected mission senior leaders	5	Mission senior leadership courses conducted
	118	Participants, with 24 from Germany, 26 from Kenya, 24 from Nigeria, 23 from Sweden and 21 from the United States of America
		Higher than planned output owing to the increased requirement for senior leadership training
6 specialist standard training module train the trainer courses for 180 military and police peacekeeping trainers from African and emerging countries at the Logistics Base or in a host Member State	6	Courses conducted
	226	Participants, with 63 from the Philippines, 63 from Ukraine (2 courses each), 49 from Uruguay (2 courses each) and 33 from Kenya, as well as 18 participants from UNLB
8 core-skills induction courses at the Logistics Base for 240 newly employed civilian international staff before their deployment to missions	7	Core-skills induction courses conducted
	172	Participants
		Lower output, as the Training Delivery Cell was not fully operational

Organization of 8 seminars for 160 staff of regional organizations headquarters and the African Stand-by Force (ASF) staff on sexual exploitation and abuse, human rights, disarmament, demobilization and reintegration, crisis management planning and rule of law, to be held at regional organization headquarters	8 182	Seminars conducted Participants, with 19 from Senegal, 12 from the Dominican Republic, 35 from Italy, 8 from Croatia, 32 from the United States of America, 21 from China and 12 from Namibia, as well as 43 participants from UNLB
2 specialist seminars for new military and police advisers, and 2 for mission chief military personnel officers at the Logistics Base	No	The Training Delivery Cell was not fully operational
Organization of 2 United Nations police officers training courses in peacekeeping missions to train mission police to evaluate prospective national police for employment in national police forces	No	Training courses not held as planned owing to delays in the development of training material
Conduct of 1 pilot crisis management exercise in a selected mission to support the mission senior management team to develop mission crisis management capacity and management skills	2	Exercises attended and conducted on the development of training material on crisis management at Harvard University One exercise was on developing course concept and material; the other was on the development of training material on the risk management course. The latter was conducted in partnership with the United Nations Mine Action Service
Organization, at the Logistics Base, of 2 integrated mission training centre workshops for existing centre staff (60 staff) and 1 integrated mission training centre (IMTC) course for 25 new centre staff from peacekeeping missions	1 41	Workshop conducted Participants The successful outcome of the first workshop did not necessitate the requirement to conduct a second workshop In addition, 1 mentoring skills course conducted with 18 participants
Evaluation visits to 18 peacekeeping missions' integrated mission training centres to review level and standards of training delivered	1	Evaluation visit conducted at the United Nations Stabilization Mission in Haiti Lower output, as the Training Delivery Cell was not fully operational

Aviation safety

Service improvements

Dissemination of aviation safety reference material and advice to UNLB, UNMIK and UNOMIG on implementation of aviation safety policies, procedures and guidelines provided by United Nations Headquarters	Yes	Aviation safety awareness material (posters) prepared in June and distributed to UNMIK and UNOMIG as well as UNLB in July 2007
	3	Accident prevention programmes updated and reactivated at UNMIK, UNOMIG and UNLB
	3	Emergency response plans revised and updated at UNMIK, UNOMIG and UNLB
		Advice provided on Antonov-24 equipment at UNOMIG
		Advice provided on alcohol consumption policy at UNLB
		Advice provided on search and rescue plan in UNMIK
		As a result, all aircraft operations at UNLB, UNMIK, and UNOMIG conducted in a safe manner, with the risk of harm to persons or damage to property reduced and maintained at a low level
8 aviation safety assistance visits to UNMIK and UNOMIG	4	Visits conducted to UNMIK (2) and UNOMIG (2)
		Lower number of visits, as the Regional Aviation Safety Office became operational in February 2007
4 carrier assessment visits to UNMIK during troop rotations of formed police units	No	No carrier assessments visits conducted, as rotations of formed police units using United Nations chartered aircraft were not undertaken from February to June 2007
Air safety incident investigations and investigation of accidents occurred with aircraft assigned to UNMIK and UNOMIG, including update of the occurrence reporting system and aviation safety incident reports to the Aviation Safety Office/Logistics Support Division	1	Occurrence/safety incident report concerning tail rotor vibrations on rotary aircraft (MI-8) at UNMIK
		No reported aviation incidents or accidents at UNOMIG
Air safety incident investigations and investigation of accidents occurred at the Logistics Base	—	No reported accidents/incidents at UNLB
4 carrier survey visits, in cooperation with the Aviation Safety Office/Logistics Support Division, to air operators based in the region	1	Carrier survey visit conducted in March 2007
		Lower output, as the Regional Aviation Safety Office became operational in February 2007 only
		3 carrier visits were conducted by the Aviation Safety Office from Headquarters

Organization of monthly/bimonthly Aviation Safety Council meetings in UNOMIG and UNMIK	Yes	Since March 2007 at UNOMIG; since June 2007 at UNLB At UNMIK, the Aviation Safety Council was reactivated after 29 October 2007 The Regional Aviation Safety Office became operational in February 2007, giving rise to the delayed implementation
Management and administration of the United Nations Logistics Base		
Service improvements		
Revision of the Logistics Base staff training arrangements to increase in-Base training, instead of training in other locations, to enable wider participation of staff and to yield cost savings	Yes	421 UNLB participants attended various training courses during 2006/07. 25 UNLB staff attended training outside UNLB Of a total of 131 courses, 88 per cent were held at UNLB
Civilian personnel		
Administration of an average number of 47 international and 169 national staff	34	International staff on average
	161	National staff on average
		Lower than planned number of international staff owing to delays in filling 8 posts in the Training Delivery Cell
Administration of temporary support services contract for an average of 56 persons	53	Persons on average
Administration of 80 software development contractors and 5 staff from peacekeeping missions communications/information technology assigned to the Logistics Base	68	Information and communications technology support contractors (network engineering, helpdesk support, network control centre support, applications support)
	2	Staff from peacekeeping missions
	14	7 internationally contracted communications personnel and 7 information technology personnel
Facilities and infrastructure		
Maintenance of 49 buildings (22 warehouses, 15 office and 12 workshop and technical buildings) and 25 soft-walled shelters	51	Buildings (22 warehouses, 17 office and 12 workshop and technical buildings) maintained
	26	Soft-walled shelters maintained
Maintenance and repair of a 237,280 m^2 open area, including 86,280 m^2 storage areas and 91,100 m^2 of roads and parking areas	86,280	Square metres of storage area maintained
	91,100	Square metres of roads and parking areas maintained
	59,900	Square metres of soft green areas maintained

Ground transportation		
Operation and maintenance of 136 Logistics Base vehicles, including light, medium and heavy forklifts, trucks, trailers, buses, sedans and delivery vans	133	Vehicles
		During the period, UNLB maintained a 97.5 per cent vehicle operational rate
Communications and information technology		
Operation and maintenance of a Logistics Base information technology network consisting of 469 desktop computers, 81 laptop computers, 130 printers, 24 servers, 29 digital senders, 41 switches, 2 routers and 2 firewalls	469	Desktop computers
	81	Laptop computers
	130	Printers
	24	Servers
	29	Digital senders
	41	Switches
	2	Routers
	2	Firewalls
Support and maintenance of Logistics Base communications: 4 PABX, 720 telephone extensions, 3 base stations radios, 2 repeaters, 10 mobile radios, 95 handheld radios, 4 digital microwave devices	4	PABX
	720	Telephone extensions
	3	Base stations radios
	2	Repeaters
	10	Mobile radios
	95	Handheld radios
	4	Digital microwave devices
Medical		
Operation and maintenance of the medical clinic for Logistics Base personnel	Yes	Medical services provided to an average per month of 223 Logistics Base personnel and their dependants
Security		
Provision of security for the Logistics Base facilities, Logistics Base personnel and visitors	Yes	
Conduct of security briefings to Logistics Base personnel and visitors, and occupational safety training for Logistics Base personnel	103	Personnel provided with security and occupational safety briefings

Development and implementation of Logistics Base safety plan in accordance with minimum operating security standards	Yes	Fire and safety warden system established
	80	Safety building wardens designated
		In addition, a safety assessment of the Logistics Base conducted
Investigation of security incidents	29	Security incidents investigated and reported
Operation and maintenance of the Logistics Base firefighting capacity	Yes	In addition, 40 staff trained in first aid and firefighting

III. Resource performance

A. Financial resources

(Thousands of United States dollars. Budget year is from 1 July 2006 to 30 June 2007.)

Category	Apportionment (1)	Expenditures (2)	Variance Amount (3)=(1)-(2)	Variance Percentage (4)=(3)÷(1)
Military and police personnel				
Military observers	—	—	—	—
Military contingents	—	—	—	—
United Nations police	—	—	—	—
Formed police units	—	—	—	—
Subtotal	—	—	—	—
Civilian personnel				
International staff	6 602.9	5 746.1	856.8	13.0
National staff	10 777.3	9 488.3	1 289.0	12.0
United Nations Volunteers	—	—	—	—
Subtotal	**17 380.2**	**15 234.4**	**2 145.8**	**12.3**
Operational costs				
General temporary assistance	97.5	145.6	(48.1)	(49.3)
Government-provided personnel	—	—	—	—
Civilian electoral observers	—	—	—	—
Consultants	420.0	282.8	137.2	32.7
Official travel	197.0	232.1	(35.1)	(17.8)
Facilities and infrastructure	4 870.3	4 461.3	409.0	8.4
Ground transportation	719.4	704.0	15.4	2.1
Air transportation	—	—	—	—
Naval transportation	—	—	—	—
Communications	4 243.8	4 241.6	2.2	0.1
Information technology	4 006.9	3 996.5	10.4	0.3
Medical	445.0	384.3	60.7	13.6
Special equipment	—	—	—	—
Other supplies, services and equipment	3 098.6	3 246.6	(148.0)	(4.8)
Quick-impact projects	—	—	—	—
Subtotal	**18 098.5**	**17 694.8**	**403.7**	**2.2**
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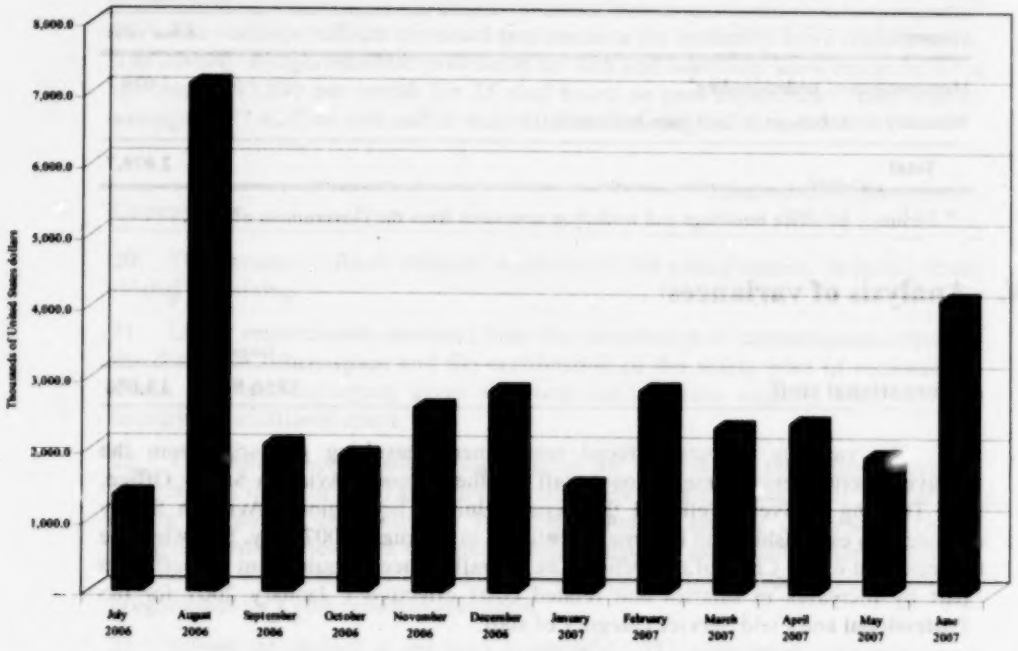
B. Monthly expenditure pattern



13. Higher expenditures in August 2006 and June 2007 reflected the recording of obligations and expenditures in respect of the issuance of purchase orders against the existing contracts, ground maintenance, cleaning and facilities and for the logistic support services contract and the purchase of, inter alia, additional furniture and equipment for the UNLB expanded facilities occupied by the Engineering Section, the Communications and Information Technology Section, the newly established Regional Aviation Safety Office and the Training Delivery Cell in June 2007.

C. Other income and adjustments

(Thousands of United States dollars)

Category	*Amount*
Interest income	2 045.0
Other/miscellaneous income	262.2
Voluntary contributions in cash	—
Prior-period adjustments	—
Savings on or cancellation of prior-period obligations	675.4
Total	**2 982.6**

D. Value of non-budgeted contributions

(Thousands of United States dollars)

Category	*Actual value*
Memorandum of understanding[a]	2 070.7
Voluntary contributions in kind (non-budgeted)	—
Total	**2 070.7**

[a] Inclusive of office buildings and workshop structures from the Government of Italy.

IV. Analysis of variances[1]

	Variance	
International staff	$856.8	13.0%

14. The variance reflects reduced requirements resulting primarily from the delayed recruitment of international staff for the Regional Aviation Safety Office, the Training Delivery Cell and the Tenant Units. The Regional Aviation Safety Office was established and became operational in February 2007 only, following the recruitment of the Chief of the Office. The overall reduced requirement was offset in part by increases in salaries and related costs effective 1 January 2007 for the Professional and Field Service category of staff.

15. While the Training Delivery Cell of Integrated Training Services of the Department of Field Support was to be relocated from Headquarters to the Logistics Base, the authorized staffing establishment had to be filled through active recruitment rather than relocation of personnel from Headquarters, resulting in delays in the filling of authorized posts. The vacancies were prevalent primarily in the Training Delivery Cell and the Communications and Information Technology Office.

16. During the period, the Logistics Base experienced an average vacancy rate of 27.7 per cent — an average incumbency of 34 against the authorized and planned 47 international posts — as compared to the 5 per cent vacancy rate applied in the approved 2006/07 budget.

	Variance	
National staff	$1 289.0	12.0%

17. The variance reflects reduced requirements for national staff salaries and related costs offset in part by an increase in the national General Service salary scale effective 1 January 2007.

18. During the period, the Logistics Base experienced an average vacancy rate of 4.8 per cent compared to 2 per cent applied in the budget. The vacancy rate represented an average incumbency of 161 posts against an authorized 169 posts.

[1] Resource variance amounts are expressed in thousands of United States dollars. Analysis is provided for variances of at least plus or minus 5 per cent or $100,000.

	Variance	
General temporary assistance	*($48.1)*	*(49.3%)*

19. The variance reflects increased requirements for maternity leave replacements. The 2006/07 budget reflected provisions for sick and maternity leave replacement at the rate of $3,899 per month for 25 staff based on past experience. There was an average of 37 staff on sick and/or maternity leave during the period.

	Variance	
Consultants	$137.2	32.7%

20. The variance reflects reduced requirements for consultancies, including those related to training.

21. Lower requirements stemmed from the cancellation of consultancies related to the design of office space and the certification of the safety plan of construction works and land surveying given that negotiations were ongoing with the host country for additional space.

22. The lower requirements resulted from the deferral of the planned training programmes in the areas of procurement and supply chain management. In addition, during the period, the Logistics Base recovered an amount of around $18,500 towards consultancies from the peacekeeping missions and Headquarters in respect of some 26 staff attending the Supply and Property Management Section training programmes on a cost reimbursable basis.

23. During the period, of the total number of 1,731 participants who underwent training at the Logistics Base, 1,285 participants were from peacekeeping missions.

	Variance	
Official travel	($35.1)	(17.8%)

24. The variance reflects increased overall requirements for official travel of staff, both non-training and training-related. The additional requirement in respect of official travel (non-training) resulted in part from a prior-period charge in respect of a familiarization visit undertaken by two logistics personnel from Headquarters and in part from an unplanned receiving and inspection visit to a medical supplier in Germany. Moreover, the increased requirements in respect of official travel (training) stemmed from the delays in the settlement of travel costs related to a records management training programme held at the Logistics Base in June 2006.

	Variance	
Facilities and infrastructure	$409.0	8.4%

25. The variance reflects reduced requirements attributable mainly to the non-utilization of resources for security services at the San Pancrazio depot, a storage facility for strategic deployment stocks vehicles, which was not used during the financial period. Moreover, lower levels of resources were utilized for maintenance services owing primarily to the absence of the need to replace filters for the ventilation and dehumidifying systems, minimal requirements for routine maintenance of electro-mechanical devices and generators; rental of office equipment, as the systems contract for leasing of photocopiers was put on hold

given past over-expenditure patterns, maintenance supplies and utilities. The overall lower requirements for facilities and infrastructure were offset in part by increased requirements for spare parts and supplies attributable to the need to repair nine rub halls damaged during a thunderstorm, construction services and petrol, oil and lubricants.

	Variance	
Medical	$60.7	13.6%

26. The variance primarily reflects reduced requirements for medical services as a result of the discounts provided by the supplier for the maintenance and storage of the Tamiflu vaccine stockpile under strategic deployment of stocks. The overall lower requirement was offset in part by the inadvertent charging of costs related to the Tamiflu vaccine stockpile to the acquisition of medical equipment and supplies lines of expenditure.

	Variance	
Other supplies, services and equipment	($148.0)	(4.8%)

27. The variance was attributable to the records in the Logistics Base accounts for loss on exchange as a result of convertible currency fluctuation (the euro versus the United States dollar). The overall increased requirements were offset in part by reduced actual expenditures related to general insurance, other freight and related costs and bank charges.

28. Lower actual requirements in terms of other freight and related costs resulted from a lower number of shipments by express courier. Lower bank charges were due to fewer cash transfer charges and the lower requirement for encashment fees and services levied by the local banks.

V. Resource performance: strategic deployment of stocks

Financial resources

29. The total value from strategic deployment stocks activities, as per the financial statements, for the period from 1 July 2006 to 30 June 2007 amounts to $88.2 million and includes a $21.9 million rollover from the prior-period fund balance, $66.3 million corresponding to shipments of strategic deployment stocks at replacement values to peacekeeping and special political missions, and to other entities, thereby generating funds for replenishment as shown in the table below.

Total value of strategic deployment stocks issued to missions from 1 July 2006 to 30 June 2007

(Thousands of United States dollars)

Receiving operation	*Amount*
A. Peacekeeping operations	
United Nations Mission in the Sudan	29 484.6
United Nations Interim Force in Lebanon	18 929.4
United Nations Integrated Mission in Timor-Leste	6 615.9
United Nations Organization Mission in the Democratic Republic of the Congo	479.0
Other peacekeeping missions[a]	185.1
Subtotal	**55 694.0**
B. Special political missions	
United Nations Mission in Nepal	8 587.9
United Nations Assistance Mission for Iraq	1 357.8
United Nations Integrated Office in Sierra Leone	225.9
International Independent Investigation Commission	192.1
Other special political missions[b]	145.5
Subtotal	**10 509.2**
C. Other entities[c]	73.8
Subtotal	**73.8**
Total	**66 277.0**

[a] Comprising strategic deployment stocks issued in the amounts of $95,200 to the United Nations Mission in Liberia, $42,500 to the United Nations Disengagement Observer Force, $25,900 to the United Nations Operation in Côte d'Ivoire and $21,500 to the United Nations Peacekeeping Force in Cyprus.

[b] Comprising strategic deployment stocks issued in the amounts of $94,400 to the United Nations Truce Supervision Organization, $35,400 to the Office of the Personal Representative of the Secretary-General and $14,700 to the United Nations Political Office for Somalia.

[c] Comprising strategic deployment stocks issued in the amounts of $35,500 to the United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees in the Near East, $21,400 to the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights, $10,000 to the Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs and $6,900 to the World Food Programme.

30. Of the total amount of $88.2 million, around $36.8 million represents replenishment expenditures (see table below) and $0.4 million represents usage of unspent balance from $141.5 million to establish the strategic deployment stocks. The balance of some $51.0 million has been rolled over to the 2007/08 period.

Total of strategic deployment stock replenishment expenditures by category from 1 July 2006 to 30 June 2007

(Thousands of United States dollars)

Category	*Amount*
Facilities and infrastructure	7 208.3
Ground transportation	9 007.8
Communications	11 621.6
Information technology	5 616.6
Medical	1 435.1
Special equipment	295.1
Miscellaneous supplies and services	1 627.5
Total	**36 812.0**

31. As at 30 June 2007, savings and unspent balances from the funds of $141.5 million to establish the strategic deployment stocks amounted to $832,536, which would be used in the 2007/08 period to cover losses in currency exchange and the replenishment of the stocks, in accordance with General Assembly resolution 59/299.

VI. Actions to be taken by the General Assembly

32. **The actions to be taken by the General Assembly in connection with the financing of the United Nations Logistics Base at Brindisi are:**

(a) **To decide on the treatment of the unencumbered balance of $2,549,500 with respect to the period from 1 July 2006 to 30 June 2007;**

(b) **To decide on the treatment of other income/adjustments for the period ended 30 June 2007 amounting to $2,982,600 from interest income ($2,045,000), other/miscellaneous income ($262,200) and savings on or cancellation of prior-period obligations ($675,400).**

33. **The action to be taken by the General Assembly in connection with the strategic deployment stocks is to take note of the present report.**